

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1–59 and add claims 60–79 as set forth below:

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1   60    A mobile electronic communication device comprising:  
2           a transceiver;  
3           a light unit having a plurality of light sources; and  
4           a processor unit coupled to the transceiver and light unit, wherein the  
5 processor unit is configured to cause the light unit to output light from a selected one  
6 of the light sources to indicate a source of a received message.

1   61.    The mobile electronic communication device of claim 60, wherein the mobile  
2 electronic communication device is configured to receive messages of two or more  
3 types, wherein the processor unit is configured to cause the light unit to output the  
4 light with modulation that depends on the received message's type.

1   62.    The mobile electronic communication device of claim 60, wherein the  
2 selected one of the light sources being lit is associated with a contact, and the  
3 message is received from the associated contact.

1   63.    The mobile electronic communication device of claim 62, wherein the light  
2 unit can simultaneously illuminate another light source to indicate that a message  
3 has been received from a contact associated with the other light source.

1 64. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 60, wherein the  
2 processor unit is configured to cause the light unit to output light with modulation  
3 that depends on an age of a message received by the mobile electronic  
4 communication device.

1 65. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 64, wherein the  
2 modulated light has a color that depends on the relative age of a received message.

1 66. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 64, wherein the  
2 modulated light has a blinking rate that indicates a number of unread messages  
3 received from a contact.

1 67. The mobile electronic communication device in claim 64, wherein the  
2 message is a most recent message received from a contact.

1 68. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 67, wherein the  
2 message is an unread message received from the contact.

1 69. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 64, wherein the relative  
2 age is indicated using a plurality of predetermined age categories.

1 70. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 69, wherein each age  
2 category of the plurality of age categories is represented by a predetermined color of  
3 light that can be outputted by the light unit.

1 71. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 70, wherein each age  
2 category of the plurality of age categories is represented by a predetermined  
3 number of light flashes within a cycle.

1 72. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 61, wherein the  
2 message is a SMS message.

1 73. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 60, wherein the mobile  
2 electronic communication device further comprises a touch-screen display in  
3 addition to or in lieu of the light unit, and the processor emulates said causing of the  
4 light unit to light a selected one of a plurality of light sources to indicate receipt of a  
5 message from a source by rendering a virtual light unit having a plurality of virtual  
6 light sources on the touch-screen display, with a selected one of the virtual light  
7 sources manifesting an appearance of being illuminated.

1 74. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 60, wherein the light  
2 unit comprises an LED circuit having a plurality of LEDs configured to selectively  
3 output light having a color selected from a set of a plurality of preselected colors.

1 75. A mobile electronic communication device comprising:  
2 a transceiver; and  
3 means coupled to the transceiver to output light to indicate a source of a  
4 received message.

1 76. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 75, wherein the mobile  
2 electronic communication device is configured to receive messages of two or more

3 types, wherein said means is configured to output light with modulation that depends  
4 on the received message's type.

1 77. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 75, wherein said means  
2 is configured to output light with modulation that depends on an age of a message  
3 received by the mobile electronic communication device.

1 78. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 75, wherein the output  
2 light is associated with a contact, and the message is received from the associated  
3 contact.

1 79. The mobile electronic communication device of claim 75, wherein the mobile  
2 electronic communication device is configured to receive messages of two or more  
3 types, wherein said means is configured to output light with modulation that depends  
4 on the received message's type and an age of the message received.